

## New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife Field Data Sheets



This is supplemental sheet  of

**SUPPLEMENTAL FIELD SURVEY SHEET - FISH SAMPLES**

Site Name:

Date:

County:

**Location:**

[illegible]



**NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**BUREAU OF FRESHWATER FISHERIES**  
**STREAM SURVEY DATA SHEET**  
 Version 3.2

☐ Entered  
 Date:

Waterbody:  Date:   
 Alt. Name:  Crew:   
 County:   
 Municipality:  Weather:   
 Drainage:  WMA:  Air Temp:  °C

**Reason: (Please circle one)**

Classification  
 Fish Kill  
 Fish Salvage  
 IBAA

Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reproduction Check  
 Reques

Species Mgmt.  
 Species Study \_\_\_\_\_  
 Stream Encroachment Review

Trout Prod Inventory  
 Update File

**Location:**  
  
 LATDEG:  LONDEG:   
 LATMIN:  LONMIN:   
 LATSEC:  LONSEC:   
*Take one GPS reading at mid-point of survey stretch*  
 Classification:  USGS Quad:

Stream Depth:  m. Stream Width:  m. Sample Length:  m. Time:  sec.

**Electrofishing Gear: (Please circle one)**

Type VII POW SR Backpack (DC)  
 Type VII SR Backpack (DC)  
 Model 12-B Backpack (DC)

Type LR-24 Backpack (DC)  
 Three Paddle Stream Rig (AC)  
 Two Paddle Stream Rig (AC) (DC)

14' Coffelt Boat  
 14 Smith Root Boat

14.5 Smith Root Boat  
 12' Whip Antenna Boat

C flashing - specific conductance

**Water Chemistry**

Time (military)	D.O. (mg/l)	Temperature °C	pH	Conductivity (µS/cm)	Alkalinity (mg/l)	Specific Conductance
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**Habitat Information**

Abundance

Substrate

Shade Index

%  
 %  
 %

☐ Open ☐ Scattered ☐ Moderate  
☐ Complete ☐ Heavy

**Notes**

### Incidence of Occurrence

Species	Number	Incidence	Value
		Occurrence	
Bass, Largemouth		8.8	
Bass, Rock		15.6	
Bass, Smallmouth		9.7	
Bluegill		6.5	
Bullhead, Brown		6.9	
Carp		0.0	
Creek Chub		30.7	
Creek Chubsucker		1.1	
Dace, Blacknose		32.1	
Dace, Longnose		37.7	
Darter, Tessellated		13.4	
Eel, American		14.1	
Fallfish		17.6	
Goldfish		11.1	
Killifish		0.0	
Minnow, Cutlips		3.7	
Mudminnow		4.9	
Perch, Yellow		0.0	
Pickereel, Chain		3.4	
Pickereel, Redfin		7.6	
Pumpkinseed		15.9	
Redbreast Sunfish		6.3	
Sculpin, Slimy		90.0	
Shiner, Common		9.1	
Shiner, Golden		1.9	
Shiner, Satinfin		5.3	
Stonecat		0.0	
Sucker, White		19.0	
Sunfish, Green			
Trout, Brook		100.0	
Trout, Brown		100.0	
Trout, Rainbow		100.0	
		Total	
	Number of Species		
		Average	

**Equipment Checklist:**

- Rubber Gloves
- Buckets
- Nets
- D.O. Meter
- pH Meter
- Conductivity Meter
- Measuring Tape (300')
- Measuring Board
- Meter Stick
- Alkalinity Bottle (500ml)
- Sample Cooler
- pH Calibration Packets
- GPS Unit
- Clipboard
- Datasheets
- Styrofoam Coolers
- Camera
- Tricaine

### Large Stream Rig

Generator  
Circuit Box  
Cable  
Anode/Connectors  
Electrodes  
Float

### Backpack Electrofisher

Battery  
Electrode

Classification Based Upon Sampling:  Change to SWQS Required: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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**Habitat Assessment - Datasheet**  
**High Gradient Streams**

Stream Name	Date
Location	
WMA	Drainage
Assessment Completed By:	Weather

Habitat Parameter	Condition Category																			
	Optimal					Suboptimal					Marginal					Poor				
<b>1. Epifaunal Substrate</b>	Greater than 70 % of substrate favorable for epifaunal colonization and fish cover; mix of snags submerged logs, undercut banks cobble and other stable habitat and at stage to allow full colonization potential. (Logs/snag are not new fall and not transient.)					40-70% mix of stable habitat; well-suited for full colonization potential; adequate habitat for maintenance of populations; presence of additional substrate in the form of newfall, but not yet prepared for colonization (may rate at high end of scale)					20-40 % mix of stable habitat; habitat availability less than desirable; substrate frequently disturbed or removed.					Less than 20% stable habitat; lack of habitat is obvious; substrate unstable or lacking.				
<b>Available Cover</b>																				
<b>SCORE</b>	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
<b>2. Embeddedness</b>	Gravel, cobble and boulder particles are 0-25 % surrounded by fine sediment. Cobble layering provides habitat diversity.					Gravel, cobble and boulder particles are 25-50 % surrounded by fine sediment					Gravel, cobble and boulder particles are 50-75% surrounded by fine sediment					Gravel, cobble and boulder particles are more than 75 % surrounded by fine sediment				
<b>Assessed in riffle area</b>																				
<b>SCORE</b>	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
<b>3. Velocity/Depth Regime</b>	All four velocity/depth regimes are present: (slow-deep, slow-shallow, fast deep, fast shallow) Slow is < 0.3 m/s, deep is > 0.5 m					Only 3 of the 4 regimes are present. If fast-shallow is missing, score lower than if missing other regimes.					Only 2 of the 4 regimes are present. If fast-shallow or slow shallow are missing score low.					Dominated by 1 velocity/depth regime. Usually slow deep				
<b>SCORE</b>	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
<b>4. Sediment Deposition</b>	Little or no enlargement of islands or point bars and less than 5 % of the bottom affected by sediment deposition.					Some new increase in bar formation, mostly from gravel, sand or fine sediment; 5 -30% of the bottom affected; slight deposition in pools					Moderate deposition of new gravel, sand or fine sediment on old and new bars; 30-50% of the bottom affected; sediment deposits at obstructions, constrictions and bends; moderate deposition of pools prevalent.					Heavy deposits of fine material, increased bar development; more than 50% of the bottom changing frequently; pools almost absent due to substantial sediment deposition.				
<b>SCORE</b>	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
<b>5. Channel Flow Status</b>	Water reaches base of both lower banks, and minimal amount of channel substrate is exposed.					Water fills > 75% of the available channel; or < 25% of channel substrate is exposed.					Water fills 25-75% of the available channel, and/or riffle substrates are mostly exposed.					Very little water in channel and mostly present in standing pools				
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<b>6.Channel Alteration</b>	Channelization or dredging absent or minimal; stream with normal pattern																			
SCORE	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
<b>7. Frequency of Riffles (or bends)</b>	Occurrence of riffles relatively frequent;ratio of distance between riffles divided by width of stream < 7:1 (generally 5 to 7);In streams where riffles are continuous, placement of boulders or other large natural obstructions is important. Variety of habitat is key.																			
SCORE	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
<b>8. Bank Stability</b> Left and right bank determined by facing downstream	Banks stable:evidence of erosion or bank failure absent or minimal;little or potential for future problems. < 5% of the bank affected																			
SCORE	Left Bank	10	9			8	7	6			5	4	3			2	1	0		
	Right Bank	10	9			8	7	6			5	4	3			2	1	0		
<b>9. Vegetative Protection</b>	More than 90% of the streambank surfaces and immediate riparian zone covered by native vegetation, including trees, understory shrubs, or non woody plants; vegetative disruption through grazing or mowing minimal or not evident;almost all plants allowed to grow naturally																			
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<b>10. Riparian Vegetative Zone Width</b>	Width of riparian zone > 18 meters;human activities (i.e. parking lots, roadbeds, clear cuts, lawns or crops) have not impacted zone.																			
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Low Gradient Streams



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<b>2. Pool Substrate</b>	Mixture of substrate materials, with gravel and firm sand prevalent; root mats and submerged vegetation common.					Mixture of soft sand, mud or clay; mud may be dominant; some root mats and submerged vegetation present					All mud or clay or sand bottom; little or no root mat; no submerged vegetation					Hard-pan clay or bedrock; no root mat or vegetation				
<b>SCORE</b>	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
<b>3. Pool Variability</b>	Even mix of large-shallow (> half the stream cross section and < 1 m deep), large-deep (> half the stream cross section and > 1 m deep), small shallow (< half the stream cross section and < 1 m depth), small-deep (< half the stream cross section and > 1 m depth) pools present.					Majority of pools large deep; very few shallow pools present (< 1 m in depth)					Shallow pools (< 1 m depth) much more prevalent than deep pools (> 1 m depth)					Majority of pools small and shallow (< half the stream cross section and < 1 m in depth) or pools absent.				
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SCORE	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
<b>7. Channel Sinuosity</b>	The bends in the stream increase the stream length 3 to 4 times longer than if it was a straight line. (Note: channel braiding is considered normal in coastal plains and other low lying areas. This parameter is not easily rated in these					The bends in the stream increase the stream length 1 to 2 times longer if it was in a straight line.					The bends in the stream increase the stream length 1 to 2 times longer if it was in a straight line.					Channel straight; waterway has been channelized for a long distance.				
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<b>8. Bank Stability</b>  Left and right bank determined by facing downstream	Banks stable; evidence of erosion or bank failure absent or minimal; little or potential for future problems. < 5% of the bank affected					Moderately stable; infrequent, small areas of erosion mostly healed over. 5-30% of bank in reach has areas of erosion.					Moderately unstable; 30-60% of bank in reach has areas of erosion; high erosion potential during floods.					Unstable; many eroded areas; "raw" areas frequent along straight sections and bends; obvious bank sloughing; 60-100% of bank has erosional scars.				
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<b>10. Riparian Vegetative Zone Width</b>	Width of riparian zone > 18 meters; human activities (i.e. parking lots, roadbeds, clear cuts, lawns or crops) have not impacted zone.					Width of riparian zone 12-18 meters; human activities have impacted zone only minimally.					Width of riparian zone 6-12 meters; human activities have impacted zone a great deal.					Width of riparian zone < 6 meters; little or no riparian vegetation due to human activities.				
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	10	9				8	7	6			5	4	3			2	1	0		
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